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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Department of Justice  
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I hope I am not too presumptuous in extending an invitation to be the speaker at our 38th Annual Foundation Dinner of the Americanism Educational League, which will be attended by more than one thousand outstanding civic, patriotic and business leaders. Under separate cover I am sending the printed programs of the last two Dinners so that you may see for yourself the type of leadership represented on our Dinner Committee.

I know that it is your policy to confine public addresses to one or two affairs, like The American Legion Convention. However, patriotic and civic leaders have asked me a thousand times in the past few years to do what I could to have you here on the Coast where our problems of subversion and crime are increasing with our expanding population and defense activity.

If by any chance you find it possible to address the Foundation Dinner, which is tentatively scheduled for October 12th and it could be changed to suit your convenience, it would be a great public service to the citizens of this area.

Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. John R. Lechner,  
Executive Director

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Dr. John E. Lechner  
Executive Director  
Americanism Educational League  
Post Office Box 90576, Airport Station  
Los Angeles, California 90009

Dear Dr. Lechner:

I have received the programs for the 36th and 37th Anniversary Foundation Dinners as well as your letter of May 28th inviting me to be the speaker at the 38th Annual Foundation Dinner of the Americanism Educational League.

While it was very kind of you to invite me, the pressure of official business precludes my making any additional commitments for the foreseeable future. I regret I am not able to give you an affirmative response but trust you will understand.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles indicate we have had extensive correspondence with Lechner which was cordial prior to W.W. II but since that time our relations with him have been cool. He included untrue statements about the Bureau in his speech and was described by the American Legion as a "professional racketeer of Americanism." The Director has declined several requests to address this organization and most letters from Lechner in recent years have been acknowledged by in-absence replies. (94-1-19634)

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May 25, 1964

William E. Fort, Jr.  
Executive Director

Mr. Tolson ✓  
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Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Casper ✓  
Mr. Callahan ✓  
Mr. Conrad ✓  
Mr. DeLoach ✓  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My friend, Albert R. Collins, President of the Food Industries for America, recently sent you an invitation to speak for his group. I am writing to let you know that we are also vitally interested in having you speak in this vicinity and feel that you can do much good.

Incidentally, you may be interested in knowing our quiet connection with the program that the Food Industries for America is putting on. We were instrumental in founding and organizing the Libres Foundation, Inc., which in turn buys books from us and then furnishes them through its book racks for the Food Industries for America. This program has caught on with a smashing bang and can be well termed something of a breakthrough. In this way, patriotic books are getting in more and more of the supermarkets of this whole area and are selling very well indeed.

Mr. Albert Collins is, himself, a "one-man army" and is doing an extremely effective job in conjunction with our mutual interests.

I was delighted to hear that President Johnson has decided to forget about any thought of your retirement. We need you very badly in the place which you now occupy. The only other place that I know, would be that of President of the United States.

Please give my best wishes to Bill Sullivan.

Cordially yours,

25 JUL 21 1964

William E. Fort, Jr.  
Executive Director

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June 4, 1964

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Dr. William E. Fort, Jr.  
Executive Director  
Americanism Educational League  
Knott's Berry Farm  
Buena Park, California

Dear Dr. Fort:

I have received your letter of May 25th in which you mention the invitation Mr. Albert R. Collins sent me to address his group. I certainly appreciate your interest in wanting me to speak in your area, but I regret I am unable to do so since my schedule will not permit me to accept additional commitments in the foreseeable future.

Thank you for your kind comments regarding President Johnson's action in waiving mandatory retirement for me. This is indeed an honor and I am most appreciative of your remarks.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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COMM-FBI

- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure
- 1 - Speech Room

NOTE: The Director received a letter from Mr. Collins under date of 5-13-64 requesting the Director to speak in Los Angeles on 10-8 through 10. This invitation was declined. We have been careful in our dealing with Dr. Fort who has on some occasions been answered by in-absence replies. Our correspondence with him has been cordial and he has been authorized to reprint some of the articles prepared by the Director;

His request to be placed on the mailing list have been ignored.

His extension of best wishes to Mr. Sullivan is intentionally ignored in the outgoing.

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William E. Fort, Jr., Ph.D.  
Executive Director

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We have a copy of your testimony before a House Subcommittee under the title of "J. Edgar Hoover Speaks out on Reds in the Negro Movement".

We would like very much to distribute copies of this article. Would you give us your permission to have the article reprinted for distribution?

Sincerely yours,

*M. Hansen*

Secretary to Dr. Fort.

MD/D

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From: Director, FBI

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M. DAVIDSON  
SECRETARY TO DR. FORT  
BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA  
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)  
BUDED 8-3-64

Enclosed are two copies of a letter from captioned individual. As you are aware, the Bureau has avoided any close relationship with Dr. Fort in connection with his activities.

You are instructed to have correspondent contacted and advised that in my Appropriation Testimony I discussed internal security matters and the present status of the Communist Party, USA. I mentioned a number of points which are receiving emphasis by the Party at this time including its efforts to infiltrate and exploit the integration movement. On many prior occasions I have noted that our Negro citizens are prime targets of the Communist Party. One example is my comments in "Masters of Deceit."

MAILED 5  
JUL 29 1964  
FBI  
I have not authorized the reprinting of this section of my Testimony since, taken out of context, it unduly emphasizes communist activity in this one field to the exclusion of communist activity in other areas. Advise correspondent that I cannot authorize the distribution of this portion of my Testimony since, as indicated above, it is misleading to do so. Also determine whether correspondent and his organization received this Testimony from another source and, if so, the identity of the source distributing my Testimony under the caption indicated.

Results are to be furnished, under above caption, to reach the Bureau by 8-3-64.

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Follow-up made for 8-3-64

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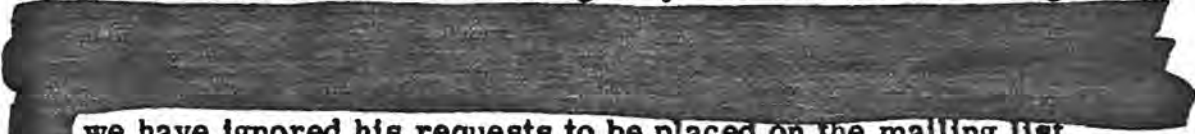
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**Airtel to Los Angeles**  
**RE: M. Davidson**

**NOTE: Bufiles indicate we have had considerable correspondence with Dr. Fort and there is no derogatory information concerning him.**

  
we have ignored his requests to be placed on the mailing list. It has been previously necessary to have Dr. Fort contacted by our Los Angeles Office and advised that he could not be authorized to reprint excerpts of other statements made by the Director since, to do so, would be misleading. It is not believed that we should authorize the reprinting of one section of the Director's Testimony since the communist attempts to infiltrate Negro activities is only one phase of the Communist Party problem discussed by the Director.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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312 PM PDT ? URGENT 7-27-64 MJH

TO DIRECTOR ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR C. D. DE LOACH  
FROM LOS ANGELES 100-15817 1P

AMERICANISM EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

RE LOS ANGELES AIRTEL TO BUREAU CAPTIONED AS ABOVE WEDNESDAY,  
JULY TWENTY-TWO LAST REQUESTING GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER A SPECIAL  
CITATION FOR THE DIRECTOR IS DESIRED.

DR. LECHNER, DIRECTOR OF ABOVE-CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION, IS  
ATTEMPTING TO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT ME. KINDLY SUTEL BUREAU'S  
DESIRES FOR MY PERSONAL GUIDANCE.

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FBI, Los Angeles

Date: 7/22/64

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
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Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	✓
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TO: DIRECTOR Attention: Assistant Director C. D. DE LOACH  
 FROM: SAC, Los Angeles (100-15817)  
 RE: AMERICANISM EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE  
 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

As the Bureau is aware, the above-captioned organization recently passed a resolution favorable toward the Director and the Bureau and it was inserted in the Congressional Record.

Enclosed is a self-explanatory letter from Dr. JOHN R. LECHNER, the Executive Director of this League, in which he desires to know if it would be appropriate to issue a special citation to the Director and whether I would accept it on behalf of Mr. HOOVER.

The Bureau's views are expeditiously requested.

3 - Bureau (AIR MAIL) (Enclosure)  
 1 - Los Angeles

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John Morley

## WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE:

422 Washington Bldg.  
George A. Nugent, Legal Counsel

Mr. Wesley G. Grapp  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
1340 West Sixth Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Grapp:

Our Board of Trustees requested me to ascertain your frank opinion on one phase of our 38th Annual Foundation Dinner, which will be held this year on Wednesday, October 28th, 7:30 p.m., at the new International Hotel, near the Airport.

As you know, we had a very fine personal letter from Mr. Hoover, regretting his inability to be the speaker for this occasion, and we have since secured Max Rafferty who will analyze the tremendous importance of rebuilding patriotic concepts in the youth of America. I am sure his talk will be worthy of printing in pamphlet form for nationwide distribution to organizations, civic leaders and business officials.

Members of the Board wonder if it would be too presumptuous to issue a special citation to Mr. Hoover, in recognition of his forty years of invaluable service to our nation. It is not our intention to make such a presentation for exploitation of the Dinner, but because so many of our Trustees feel so deeply about the contribution Mr. Hoover and the F.B.I. have made to the welfare of American citizens over the entire country, including those of this community.

Chairman Huston would be pleased for you to get Mr. Hoover's approval, if possible. You and Mrs. Grapp are invited to be

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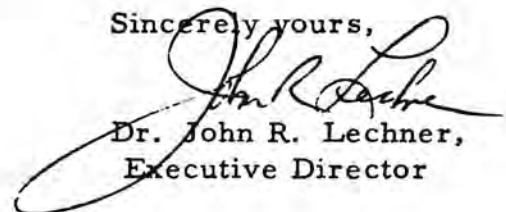
Mr. Wesley G. Grapp  
Special Agent  
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our guests for this great occasion and the Trustees will ask you to accept the citation for Mr. Hoover, if we get a favorable response.

Since we are anticipating another beautiful printed program, it will be important that we resolve this part of our program as soon as possible. I certainly hope personally that we may be able to do this since it will give me an opportunity for another delightful visit with you.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John R. Lechner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "L".

Dr. John R. Lechner,  
Executive Director

JRL:dv



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Date: July 31, 1964

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (94-1349) (RUC)

RE : M. ~~DAVIDSON~~ *AMERICANISM*  
SECRETARY TO DR. FORT *EDUCATIONAL*  
BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA *LEAGUE*  
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)  
Buded 8/3/64

ReBuairtel 7/22/64.

There are enclosed for the Bureau a Xerox copy of a reprint from U.S. News and World Report and a Xerox copy of a reprint from the South Bay Daily Breeze (a Los Angeles beach area newspaper).

Dr. WILLIAM ~~FORT~~ was advised as requested in referenced airtel on 7/31/64, by SAs [REDACTED]. He stated he could understand the Director's position and was high in his praise for the Director and the Bureau.

FORT furnished a single sheet which carried the enclosed articles, one on each side. FORT said it came to him in the mail, but he does not know from what source. He commented that he had first written to U.S. News and World Report for permission to distribute copies of the article and had been referred by that magazine to the Director.

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1 - Los Angeles (94-1349)

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AUG 3 1964

EX 100

ENCLOSURE

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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CORRESPONDENCE

67 AUG 12 1964 Special Agent in Charge

The Bay Window

# The No. 1 Enemy Of Communism

By SAM STEWART

Sunday will mark an anniversary in one of the most remarkable careers in public service in history.

On that day, J. Edgar Hoover will mark 40 years as chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The name of Hoover is synonymous with the best in scientific criminology, integrity, counter-espionage and Americanism. Communists call Hoover their No. 1 enemy, which he would regard as the highest compliment paid him.

Where some in like position would have built an empire of bureaucracy, Hoover has built an organization which has rendered service beyond even the most laudatory evaluations, and remained above politics while doing it.

Hoover has served under nine American Presidents. Woodrow Wilson was in the White House when he entered the Department of Justice, in 1917. Warren Harding was President when Hoover was appointed assistant director of the Bureau of Investigation, as the agency was known then. Calvin Coolidge appointed him acting director on May 10, 1924, and the name of the bureau was changed shortly to FBI and began to develop its own image.

Hoover was reappointed by Herbert Hoover, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, John Kennedy and continues under Lyndon Johnson. In fact, when Kennedy was elected in 1960, there were rumors that Hoover would be retired; Kennedy silenced these by making Hoover the first man appointed to office in his new administration.

The FBI has written a brilliant record in fighting the gangsters of the Prohibition era and the years which followed; in espionage and fighting sabotage and subversion in the war years; in fighting extortion, kidnaping, bank robbery, car theft and other crimes in federal jurisdiction.

But Hoover has been concerned most about communism. In 1919, he wrote the Justice Department's first brief on the new Communist Party.

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## Daily Breeze

EDITORIALS — OPINIONS — FEATURES

"They would destroy the peace of the country and thrust it into a condition of anarchy and lawlessness and immorality that passes imagination," Hoover wrote of the Reds. That was 45 years ago.

Hoover's above-politics stature has enabled him to speak out frankly, and often embarrassingly, as he has warned against misguided courtroom leniency that frees dangerous criminals in society; he has assailed what he calls this nation's moral decline, evidence of which is the awful problem of juvenile delinquency.

He has clashed head-on with men in high places in insisting that communism in America is a greater danger than communism elsewhere, and pinpointing the unwitting aid given the communist campaign for world domination by sincere but mistaken groups who subvert the American way of life while professing to defend it.

In an appearance before Congress in January, Hoover said:

"Currently, the Communist Party, U.S.A., is stressing such domestic issues as the racial struggle; the abolition of all internal security programs and of congressional committees investigating communism; and the reduction of military spending with the diversion of such appropriations to a broad program of social welfare projects. In short, the party is attempting to exploit what it describes as the built-in problems of our modern, complex, industrial society and claiming, at the same time, that these problems can be resolved only under the Communist system."

This is not handwriting on the wall; this is headline stuff, almost a checklist of Communist gains.

Hoover will reach the mandatory retirement age of 70 on Jan. 1. President Johnson will strike a solid blow at communism if he waives compulsory retirement, and by special order asks the FBI director to remain on the job.

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## J. EDGAR HOOVER SPEAKS OUT ON REDS IN THE NEGRO MOVEMENT



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J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in testimony before a House subcommittee, made public on April 22, said this:

"The approximate 20 million Negroes in the United States today constitute the largest and most important racial target of the Communist Party, U.S.A. The infiltration, exploitation, and control of the Negro population has long been a party goal and is one of its principal goals today.

"In this drive, Negroes have, over the years, been subjected to intensive and extensive Communist agitation and propaganda. The Communist Party has always depicted itself to Negroes as the champion of social protest and the leader in the struggle for racial equality.

"But the truth of the matter is that the Communist Party is not motivated by any honest desire to better the status or condition of the Negro in this country, but strives only to exploit what are often legitimate Negro complaints and grievances for the advancement of Communist objectives.

"Controversial or potentially controversial racial issues are deliberately and avidly seized upon by Communists for the fullest possible exploitation. Racial incidents are magnified and dramatized by Communists in an effort to generate racial tensions. As a result, such campaigns are actually utilized as a steppingstone to extend Communist influence among the Negroes.

"Communists, through their worldwide Communist propaganda apparatus, transmit propaganda regarding selected instances of racial inequity and injustice to every part of the world. They do not confine themselves to the facts but resort to distortion, exaggeration, and the big lie.

"Communists thus capitalize on the adverse propaganda effect that reports of discrimination and oppression in the United States can produce in

the eyes of the rest of the world, particularly among the African and Asian peoples; that is, the idea that this country is against equal rights for all races.

"The Communist Party is attempting to use the Negro movement, as it does everything else, to promote its own interest rather than the welfare of those to whom it directs its agitation and propaganda. It may collect funds ostensibly in behalf of Negro activities, hold discussions on civil rights at all levels, and increase its coverage of Negro affairs in its publications, but behind all of this is its clear-cut primary interest in promoting Communism.

"The party is continually searching for new avenues in order to expand its influence among the Negroes. In particular, it has sought ways and means to exploit the militant forces of the Negro civil-rights movement.

"The number of Communist Party recruits which may be attracted from the large Negro racial group in this nation is not the important thing. The old Communist principle still holds: 'Communism must be built with non-Communist hands.' We do know that Communist influence does exist in the Negro movement and it is this influence which is vitally important. It can be the means through which large masses are caused to lose perspective on the issues involved and, without realizing it, succumb to the party's propaganda lures."

*Written to  
Mr Hoover for  
permission thru House  
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FBI, Los Angeles

Date: 7/29/64

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To: Director, FBI Attention: Assistant Director C. I. DE LOACH

From: SAC, Los Angeles (100-15817)

Re: AMERICANISM EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Pursuant to Bureau air tel of 7/24/64 captioned as above I contacted Dr. JOHN R. LECHNER on 7/28/64.

He was advised in accordance with instructions in Paragraph 2 of re Buairtel. Dr. LECHNER stated that his organization desired to give a special citation to Mr. HOOVER and if I were not in the community at the time to accept it he desired another FBI representative to do so. I tactfully pointed out to him that he and his associates had recently passed a resolution for Mr. HOOVER and had mailed it to the Bureau and he should feel free to do so concerning this citation. He said the event which included the citation, the banquet and presentation was such a beautiful affair and he wanted it to be personally accepted by a Bureau representative and that at a later date he would communicate with me as to who would accept it. Many leading citizens of the community belong to this League.

As can be seen from the above, LECHNER and his associates are going to make up a special citation for the Director. It can also be seen there is no polite or diplomatic way to dissuade LECHNER as to it being received by an FBI representative at a banquet. At the banquet will be present many prominent and important persons from all walks of life including publishers, other news media, etc.

In view of these new developments it appears the best interests of the Bureau would be served if I or the ASAC were to accept it and it will be necessary to say a few words on behalf of the Director. The Bureau's views are solicited.

3 - Bureau  
1 - Los Angeles

Approved: (4)

Special Agent in Charge

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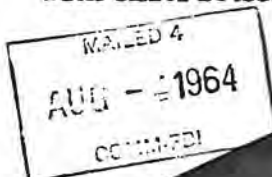
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Reurairtel 7-29-64 which recommended that you or the Assistant Special Agent in Charge appear at the Americanism Educational League Banquet to accept a citation on my behalf.

While it is realized that the importunings of Dr. Lechner in this matter may be difficult to diplomatically decline, it is felt that the appearance of a Bureau representative at this function might be exploited by Dr. Lechner to further his own status. You should, therefore, politely decline to attend this banquet, or commit another Bureau representative, in accordance with instructions set out in Bureau airtel of 7-24-64.



- 1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Miss Holmes  
1 - Miss Gandy

NOTE: Dr. John R. Lechner, head of Americanism Educational League, has been described as a "professional racketeer of Americanism," who exploits patriotism and communism to further his own ends. Our relations with him in recent years have been cool and we have been circumspect in our dealings with him. The Director has declined several requests to address this organization and most letters from Lechner in recent years have been acknowledged by in-absence replies. (94-1-19634)

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**Memorandum**

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/17/64

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-15817)

SUBJECT: AMERICANISM EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

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Re LA letters to Bureau dated 7/22/64 and 7/29/64 and Bu airtels to LA dated 7/24/64 and 8/4/64 captioned as above.

I thought the Bureau would be interested in knowing of the identities of some of those who sponsor the Anniversary dinner and many of them will be in attendance. There is enclosed a copy of a self-explanatory list reflecting the leaders in the community.

2 - Bureau (Enc. 1) ENCLOSURE  
1 - Los Angeles

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 9-21-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: DR. JOHN R. LECHNER  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
AMERICANISM EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Dr. Lechner, by letter of 9-15-64, enclosed a copy of a letter he had sent to SAC Grapp, Los Angeles Office, dated 8-26-64, which requested that the SAC or one of the members of his Office attend the League's 38th Annual Foundation Dinner, 10-28-64, to accept the "American of the Year" award in behalf of Mr. Hoover.

Dr. Lechner stated that The Board of Trustees of his organization wished to express its highest regard for the FBI and the Director by presenting this award to Mr. Hoover. He stated that he would like to have Mr. Hoover's assurance that there would be no objection to this award and for that reason he was enclosing a copy of the text of the award for Mr. Hoover's review. Lechner stated that it was believed this presentation was timely and he hoped that the Director might indicate his approval.

Review of the text of the "American of the Year" award which Dr. Lechner enclosed indicated that this award was being made by the American Educational League to Mr. Hoover for his "invaluable service to the Nation by maintaining the high standards and the finest traditions of law enforcement" over a period of 40 years; that through Mr. Hoover's leadership, the FBI has been able to "transcend political, territorial and economic pressures in preserving the integrity of this Federal law enforcement agency, vital to the preservation of our internal security."

## INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

In my memo to you dated 9-16-64, relating to captioned organization, it was reported that SAC, Los Angeles, had advised of receipt of a letter dated 8-26-64 from Dr. Lechner requesting that he accept this award on behalf of Mr. Hoover. SAC noted that while the FBI has been most circumspect in dealing with Lechner because of his tendency to exploit patriotism to gain his own ends, it was felt that in this instance we should cooperate by having a representative attend this function. He said the Dinner

Enclosure sent 9-22-64  
1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure  
1 - Miss Holmes - Enclosure  
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M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo  
RE: DR. JOHN R. LECHNER

would be attended by a number of important people and that to ignore this function might offend these individuals.

It was recommended and approved that in view of the prominence of some of the persons who will attend this Dinner, that SAC Grapp be instructed to attend this function and accept the "American of the Year" award in behalf of the Director. SAC was instructed, by letter 9-17-64, to insure that his acceptance remarks at this affair could not be construed as endorsing the "American Educational League" or Dr. Lechner.

RECOMMENDATION:

Inasmuch as the text of the award contains nothing objectionable, it is recommended that attached letter be sent to Dr. Lechner advising that the wording of the award is satisfactory and that SAC Grapp has been authorized to attend the Dinner to accept the award in Mr. Hoover's behalf.

GR. ✓ [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 9-22-64

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## WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE:

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George A. Nugent, Legal Counsel

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thought you would like to have an advance copy of our program for the very wonderful Foundation Dinner to be held Wednesday, October 28th.

Although this is the 38th Annual Dinner, I have actually been in this work forty years, not only combating subversive activity, but trying to enhance the basic concepts of our remarkable American Heritage. The Definition of Americanism, which I enclose, has been sent to 180,000 people during the last two years. It represents the ideals upon which this organization is founded.

I am looking forward to meeting with Wesley Grapp once again and I want to congratulate the Department on having such an outstanding representative for the Los Angeles area.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. John R. Lechner,  
Executive Director

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# Defending Americanism

By Dr. John R. Lechner, M.A., LL.D.

Americanism is a living, dynamic force governing the lives of our people, who are peculiarly blessed with the opportunity of living under a representative form of government, protected by the most amazing instrument of human conduct ever devised by man, the Constitution of the United States.

Americanism is a form of controlled Liberty in which the rights of the small and the large are protected for the greatest good of all. Its practical motivating principles are clearly enunciated in the Declaration of Independence and in the Preamble to our Constitution. Its foundation is the infinite dignity and worth of the individual.

The essence of Americanism is spiritual. It holds that there is a moral God in the universe, and that by virtue of this fact, there is a moral purpose in the affairs of mankind. Our social science is predicated on the tenets of the Sermon on the Mount and the Ten Commandments. The very essence of American jurisprudence is the protection of personal liberty and property from the encroachment of others and from Government itself. It recognizes as its enemy, both the will of the tyrant and the whims of the masses.

Americanism holds that every person has an inherent right to think, to act, to express opinions, to seek redress against wrongs, and enlarge his personality without fear. It gives each American, whether rich or poor, white or black, Jew or Gentile, the right to challenge wrong and oppression without the threat of retaliation. It means that every American be given the right to invest in the soil of his country, and to reap the benefits from his labors and his thrift. Americanism holds that these rights be protected for all, not merely for the privileged.

Our schools, our churches, our civic organizations and our magnificent philanthropies, — all bespeak a sense of moral obligation to others, and a spirit of brotherhood transcending that of any other people in the entire world.

Americanism, however, is not a one way street. It imposes rightful obligations upon individuals and groups to play the game of living with a concern for the welfare of the community, state, and nation.

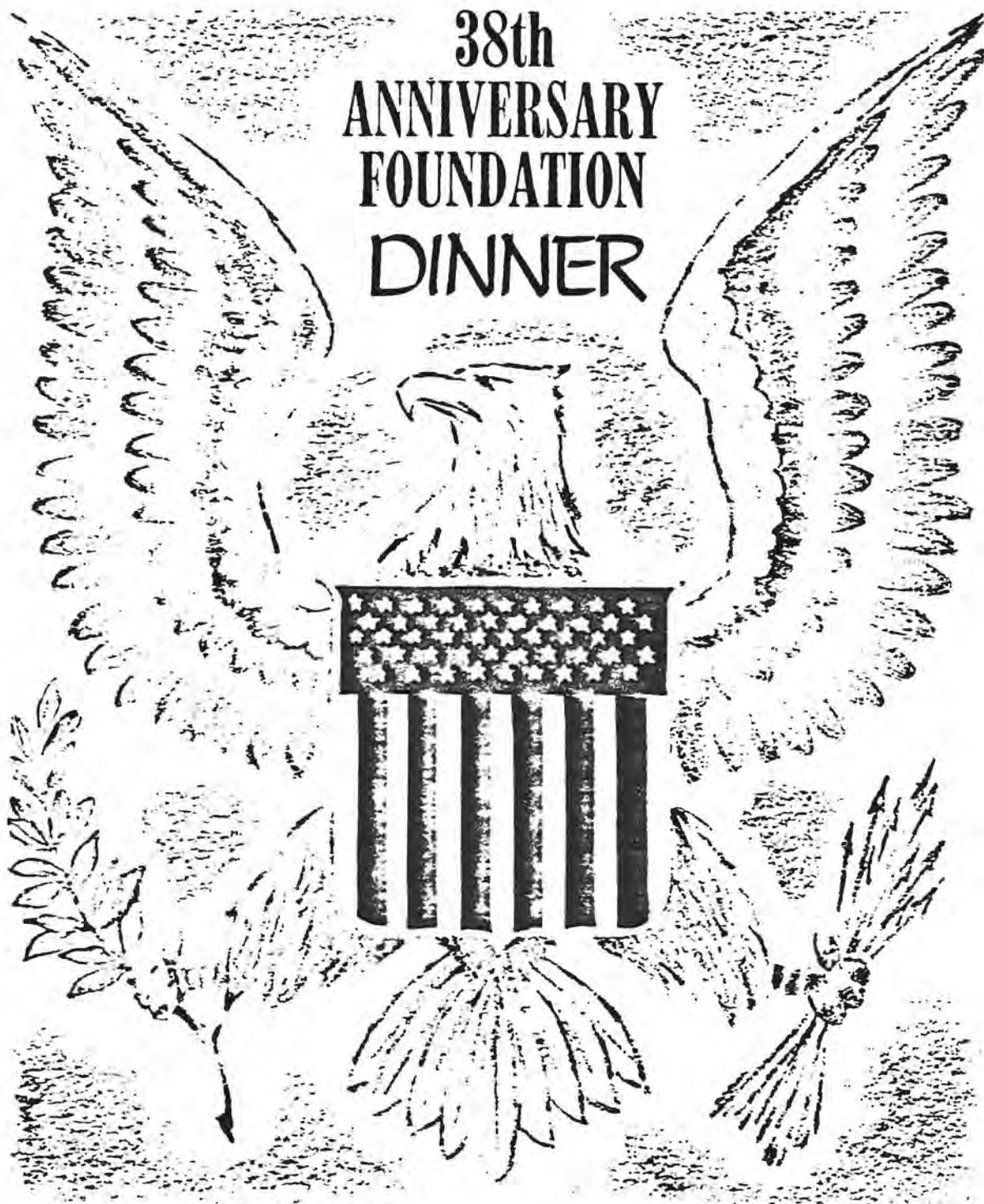
Americanism is humanity's most glorious experiment in the science of living. If this experiment should fail, civilization itself might be doomed. The surest guarantee for continued success is a personal citizenship, dedicated to the ideals and purposes of this great Republic. Americanism is mankind's remaining hope for a decent and just world!

And in this hour of extreme crisis, when this lofty heritage of Americanism is seriously threatened by a ruthless, Godless Communist conspiracy as well as by an expanding Welfare State, which could destroy the incentive of our citizens to create and produce as well as impair the will to defend our heritage, let every loyal American have emblazoned on his conscience the immortal pledge of the brave men who first gave articulation to the ideals of Americanism in the Declaration of Independence.

**"AND FOR THE SUPPORT OF THIS  
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ALLY PLEDGE TO EACH OTHER  
OUR LIVES, OUR FORTUNES, AND  
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**AMERICANISM EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE**



## AMERICANISM EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE

### ITS PHILOSOPHY - ITS SERVICE

The AMERICANISM EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE was organized in January, 1927, as a patriotic educational FOUNDATION. This came about at the suggestion of prominent American Legionnaires, who recognized the importance of the personal service rendered by Dr. John R. Lechner in addressing hundreds of civic, business and patriotic organizations on the threat of Communism during the two previous years.

The purposes of this new Foundation were clearly established and have not changed, even under most adverse conditions.

1. The Americanism Educational League shall be dedicated to a continuous campaign of public education among youth and adults alike, to make Americans aware of the nature of our heritage under the Constitution and to enhance a greater sense of responsibility as citizens.
2. The Americanism Educational League shall oppose militantly, through research, public meetings and other media of communications, the philosophy and techniques of the international criminal Communist Conspiracy and State Socialism.
3. The Americanism Educational League shall employ the highest standards of scholarship and practical sense in dealing with local and national problems in this field. It does not presume to offer a panacea for our economic and social problems, but it does advocate, when feasible, pragmatic solutions which are consistent with the fundamental ideals of this Republic.

Inspired by these motivating forces, the Americanism Educational League has achieved a record of patriotic service which is outstanding. It would be difficult to measure the relative results of a program like this, dedicated to the cause of freedom and dynamic citizenship. Thousands of letters in the files of the League attest to the value of this work and indicate a demand for expansion in the troubled years ahead.

1. Over a period of 38 years, the League has produced speakers for more than 16,000 civic, patriotic, business, school and church meetings.
2. Millions of copies of pamphlets and special reports on fundamental issues on Americanism have been sent to Americans over the nation.
3. During the previous two years, the League has distributed about 150,000 copies of its "Definition of Americanism", 50,000 copies of its "Meaning of the Flag", 500,000 copies of an informative booklet on the encroachment of Communism, suggestions to combat it, and thousands of copies of other research articles. 10,000 copies of "The Constitution and Tomorrow's Freedom" were distributed among high school seniors in California and 30,000 Teenworld Transcripts were distributed monthly to high school teenagers in trouble over the nation.
4. This Foundation has assisted hundreds of patriotic and other organizations in their work in the field of Americanism, offering the benefit of 38 years of experience and research.

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The great work of Knott's Freedom Center, a branch of the Foundation under the able direction of Dr. William E. Fort, Jr., is recognized across the entire nation. The following is but a part of the patriotic service rendered by Freedom Center over the last twelve months (approximate from records):

1. Addresses by Dr. Fort .....	120
2. Guidance conferences in office .....	400
3. Materials loans (books, tapes, records) .....	1,600
4. Materials distributed .....	25,000
5. Films shown to organizations .....	900
6. Individuals visiting office for help .....	5,000

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## PROGRAM

Meeting called to order — William T. Huston, Chairman of the Board

Pledge of Allegiance — Led by Don Porch, The American Legion

National Anthem — Lee Childs — Audience participation, first verse; Solo, last verse

Invocation — Rev. LeRoy Nattress, Dept. Chaplain, The American Legion

## DINNER

Introduction of Board of Trustees — William T. Huston, Chairman

Introduction of Distinguished Guests — Harry von Zell, M.C.

Remarks by John R. Lechner, M.A., B.D., LL.D.

### SANBORN SINGERS

Director ..... Fred L. Sanborn

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ANNIVERSARY FOUNDATION DINNER



October 29, 1964

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Dr. John R. Lechner  
Executive Director  
Americanism Educational League  
Post Office Box 90576, Airport Station  
Los Angeles, California 90009

Dear Dr. Lechner:

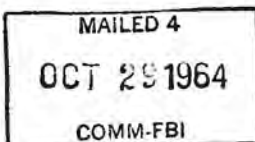
Your letter of October 23rd, with enclosures, has been received.

It certainly was thoughtful of you to send me a copy of the program for your 38th Anniversary Foundation Dinner, and I read it with interest.

Special Agent in Charge Grapp enjoyed being with you on October 28th and appreciates, as I do, your kind comments.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure  
NOTE: The Director has been named American of the Year by the Americanism Educational League and SAC Grapp, Los Angeles, accepted the award on the Director's behalf.

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**Dr. John R. Lechner**

We had extensive cordial correspondence with Lechner prior to World War II; since that time, relations have not been too favorable. He included in one of his speeches untrue remarks concerning the Bureau and has been described by the American Legion as a 'professional racketeer of Americanism.' The Director has declined several requests to address this organization and most of the correspondent's letters have been acknowledged by in-absence replies. The last outgoing 9-22-64 was over the Director's signature in connection with the award mentioned above.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11-3-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: AMERICANISM EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
38TH ANNIVERSARY FOUNDATION DINNER  
10-28-64

SAC, Los Angeles, by letter dated 10-29-64, advised that he had attended captioned dinner to accept the "American of the Year" award from the Americanism Educational League on behalf of the Director. This award was an engraved scroll which commended the Director on his inspirational leadership of the FBI and his invaluable service to the Nation over a period of 40 years.

SAC enclosed a copy of his acceptance remarks and stated they had been well received by an enthusiastic audience. He stated that a number of highly favorable comments concerning Mr. Hoover were received from those in attendance at the affair and that it had been estimated there were in excess of 450 people at the dinner. The audience was made up of outstanding leaders in the community and their representatives. SAC also enclosed a printed program. He noted that the scroll to Mr. Hoover representing the League's "American of the Year" award is being submitted under separate cover.

SAC stated that considerable favorable publicity has resulted from the selection of the Director as recipient of this award and that he feels the Bureau will accrue continuing benefits from this recognition of the Director.

In addition to the printed program and acceptance remarks, SAC also enclosed clippings from the "Los Angeles Herald-Examiner" and the "Los Angeles Times" which reported on the Director's receiving this award.

SAC stated that his acceptance remarks were of such a nature that the League and its Executive Director, Dr. John R. Lechner, would not be able to construe them as an endorsement for either the League or Dr. Lechner.

A review of these acceptance remarks as furnished by Los Angeles disclosed that SAC Grapp confined himself solely to expressing appreciation for the award on behalf of Mr. Hoover and to commenting briefly on the Director's dedicated service to the Nation, in tribute to which the award had been presented.

Enclosure  
1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure  
1 - Miss Holmes - Enclosure  
1 - Miss Gandy - Enclosure

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M. A. Jones to DeLoach  
RE: AMERICANISM EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE

This scroll was received at the Bureau under separate cover on 11-3-64. It is a handsome 16 1/2 by 24 inch embellished document which states that the Director had been presented the League's "American of the Year" award in accordance with a resolution passed by the organization citing Mr. Hoover's 40 years of dedicated service and inspirational leadership by which the FBI has been able "to transcend political, territorial, and economic pressures in preserving the integrity of this Federal law enforcement agency, vital to the preservation of our internal security."

By letter dated 10-30-64, Dr. Lechner enclosed a copy of SAC Grapp's acceptance remarks and advised that those in attendance at the dinner had been "thrilled" by Mr. Grapp's speech and his manner of delivery. Lechner also stated that if possible at sometime in the future, his organization would be honored to have Mr. Hoover as its guest in Southern California.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

In my memo to you dated 9-16-64, relating to captioned organization, it was reported that SAC, Los Angeles, had advised of receipt of a letter dated 8-26-64, from Dr. Lechner requesting that the SAC accept the "American of the Year" award on behalf of Mr. Hoover at the 38th Anniversary Foundation Dinner. SAC noted that while the FBI has been most circumspect in dealing with Lechner due to his tendency to exploit patriotism to gain his own ends, it was felt in this instance we should cooperate by having a representative attend the dinner. He stated that this affair would be attended by a number of important people and to ignore the function might offend these individuals.

It was approved, in view of the prominence of some of the persons attending the dinner, that SAC Grapp attend this function and accept the award. By letter dated 9-17-64, the SAC was instructed to insure his acceptance remarks could not be construed as endorsing the Americanism Educational League or Dr. Lechner.

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached letter be sent to Dr. Lechner thanking him for the scroll and acknowledging receipt of his letter of October 30th. His statement in the letter relating to having the Director as a guest at sometime in the future is being ignored.

GK. ✓ [redacted] b6 [redacted]  
H [redacted] b7c [redacted]



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Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
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Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Some day, when you find the opportunity of meeting with our Board of Trustees perhaps in a quiet way, I would appreciate your letting us know.

With best wishes for continued good health, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Dr. John R. Lechner,  
Executive Director

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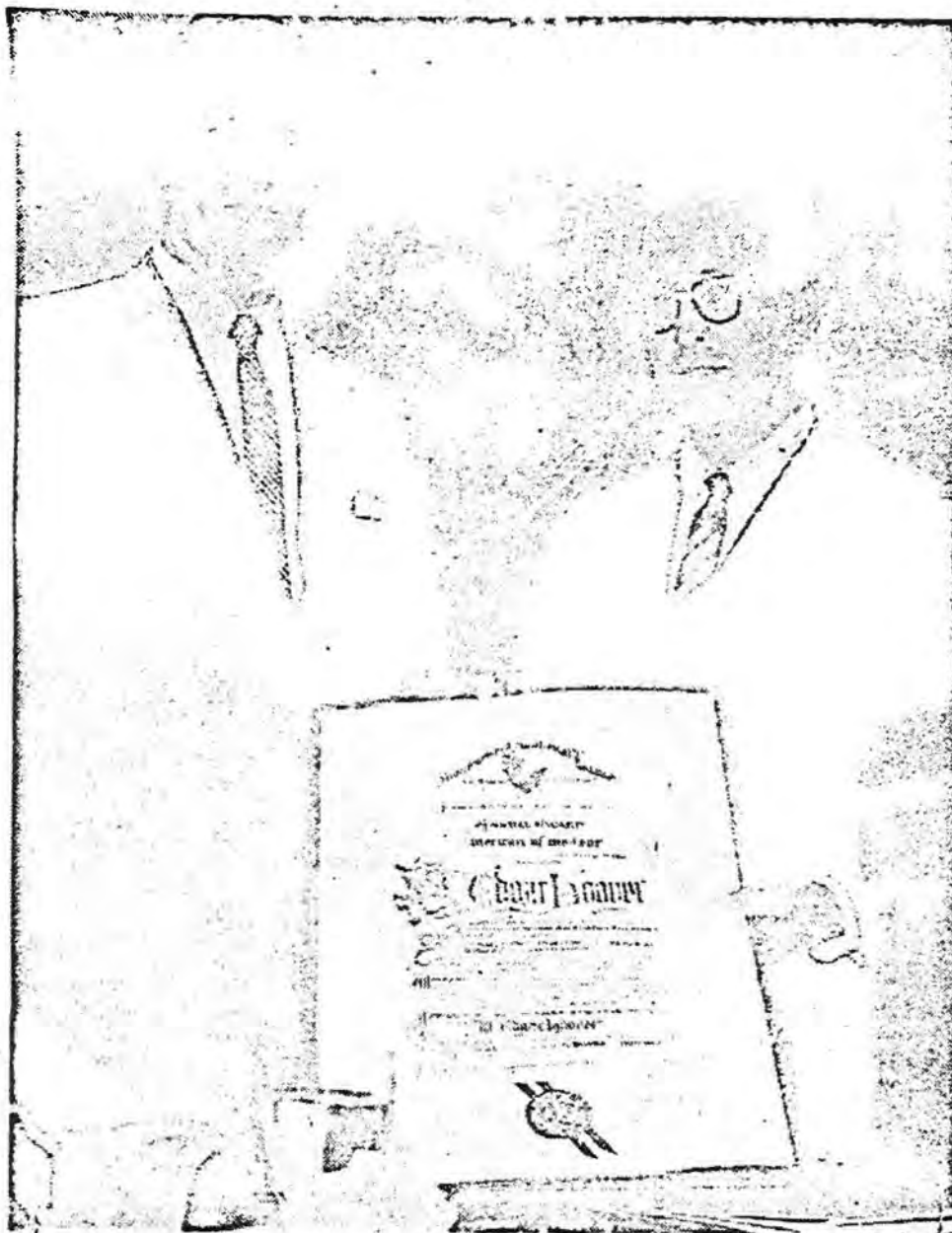
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**J. EDGAR HOOVER NAMED 'AMERICAN OF THE YEAR'**  
Wesley G. Grapp (left) accepts the award for Hoover from William T. Huston

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Please believe me when I tell you that many of our outstanding civic and business leaders in attendance were thrilled at Mr. Grapp's magnificent acceptance speech and the manner in which he delivered that speech. We can all be proud of men like him who represent the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

One day when you find it possible, we would consider it a tremendous honor to have you as our guest in Southern California.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for many more years of public service, I remain

Cordially,

*John R. Lechner*  
Dr. John R. Lechner,  
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Executive Director  
Americanism Educational League  
Post Office Box 90576, Airport Station  
Los Angeles, California 90009

Dear Dr. Lechner:

Your letter of October 30th, with enclosure, has been received, as has the beautiful citation which your organization so graciously presented to me.

I have been advised by Mr. Grapp of his fine experience at your 38th Anniversary Foundation Dinner when he accepted on my behalf the "American of the Year" Award given by the Americanism Educational League. Please accept my sincere thanks for this honor and assure your members that the Award is a source of great encouragement to me.

Mr. Grapp joins me in expressing appreciation for your kind comments regarding his appearance at the Dinner, and I would also like to thank you for sending me a copy of his acceptance remarks.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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ReBulet 9/17/64 captioned as above, and other related material pertaining to the 38th Annual Foundation Dinner on 10/28/64.

I attended this dinner and accepted the Award on behalf of the Director. The magnificent scroll is being submitted under separate cover. Dr. MAX RAFFERTY, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Director of Education for the State of California, spoke on the subject of teaching patriotism in the schools. The acceptance remarks which I made fit in very well with his speech. A copy of these remarks is enclosed. It is to be noted that they are of such a nature that Dr. JOHN R. LECHNER and this League should not be able to construe such as an endorsement for the League or for Dr. LECHNER.

The remarks were well received by an enthusiastic audience. A number of highly favorable comments concerning the Director were received from those in attendance who queued up to the speakers' platform after the acceptance. It was stated at the dinner that there were over 600 in attendance at \$25 a plate. The morning newspaper estimated the crowd in excess of 450. The audience was made up of outstanding leaders in the community and their representatives. A copy of the printed program is enclosed.

There has been considerable favorable publicity resulting from the selection of the Director to receive this Award. It is felt that not only now but in the future there will be continuing benefits accruing to this Bureau from this most recent recognition of the Director.

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## FBI's Hoover Named 'American of the Year'

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, was named "American of the Year" Wednesday night by the Americanism Educational League, a patriotic foundation headquartered in Inglewood.

An elaborately engraved resolution, praising Hoover's "invaluable service to the nation" was presented at the League's 38th Annual Foundation Dinner at the International Hotel.

It was accepted by Wesley G. Grapp, special agent in charge of the Los Angeles office of the FBI on behalf of Hoover.

"By virtue of his inspiration and dynamic leadership," the resolution stated, "the Federal Bureau of In-

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More than 450 persons paid \$25 each to attend the dinner and listen to a speech entitled "The Essence of Patriotism" by Dr. Max Rafferty, California Superintendent of Public Instruction.

"I suppose it's some sort of a commentary on our pre-

sent-day society." Rafferty said, "that we find it necessary to analyze patriotism at all.

"Our grandparents and great-grandparents would have been highly amused or mildly irritated at the idea of taking patriotism apart to see what makes it tick. They took their love of country for granted."

And, he said, "Americans are going to have to find some way to again 'make it fashionable to express our love of country.

"Those of us who do," he said, "now are looked upon as paranoic patriots, right-wing extremists or charter members of the John Birch Society."

Educators must take the

lead, he said, in making patriotism both a rational and an emotional thing.

The Hoover award was presented by William T. Huston, a former FBI agent who is chairman of the board of the Americanism League. Harry von Zell, television and radio personality, was

chairman of the dinner and master of ceremonies.

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**AWARD FOR FBI CHIEF**—From left, Dr. Max Rafferty, state superintendent of education, Wesley Grapp, head of FBI here, and A. J. Miller, president of the Americanism Educational League, watch William Huston, league chairman sign an engraved resolution honoring J. Edgar Hoover as "American of Year."

*Times photo*

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'American of Year'**J. Edgar Hoover  
Cited by League**

A resolution honoring J. Edgar Hoover as "American of the Year" today was on its way to the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from a Southland patriotic organization.

Through Wesley G. Grapp, special agent in charge of the Los Angeles FBI office, who accepted on Hoover's behalf, the American Educational League cited Hoover at its 38th annual Foundation Dinner last night.

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Dr. Rafferty attacked "a strange state of mind to be found in certain circles in our land today — a sort of sick campaign of whispering and inference to the effect that a patriot is somehow an enemy of international peace and good will."

A plea for patriotic education to "go on after the election more than ever" was voiced by Dr. John R. Lechner, the League's executive director, who said:

"Our great task is to overcome the confusion and hatred of our election campaigns."

Harry von Zell, master of ceremonies, declared:

"It's not easy to defend human liberty. The government cannot do it. It takes the strength of a country that wants to remain free. Freedom is in its people. If the people flounder, the government will flounder."

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